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1. On 20 and 21 April 1954, intensive activity was observed in Altes Lager (2061), Doeberitz. Guides wearing red-bordered black epaulets with motor transport insignia were posted at the entrance of the camp on Highway No 103. On 20 April, three details, each of 30 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank and artillery insignia, left for the training area through this gate. About 70 percent of the windows of the quarters were lighted in the evening on 21 April and about 60 percent on 28 April. Motor vehicles [redacted] were seen en route to and from the installation. The Gardestern quarters in the southwest corner of the installation were lighted about 70 percent in the evening on 21 April. Motor vehicles [redacted] were seen in connection with the former komendatura south of Highway No 103.

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2. Between 17 and 24 April, Altes and Neues Lager were occupied to capacity by an estimated 3,000 to 4,000 troops. Sentries observed wore red-bordered black epaulets with tank and artillery insignia. On 24 April, 2 T-34/85 tanks were seen en route from Altes Lager to Neues Lager. Motor vehicles [redacted] were seen en route to and from the installation during the period under review. Between 2 and 4 May, the quarters appeared to be occupied about 50 percent by an estimated 1,500 troops. [redacted] tank units were absent from the camp. On 2 May, small details of soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets including some with artillery insignia, and totaling about 300 troops left through the south gate for the athletic field. [redacted]
3. Between 21 and 28 April, intensive activity was observed in the Adler and Loewen Kaserne (2063). About 80 percent of the windows of the installation were lighted at dusk. Sedan [redacted] and truck [redacted] were seen in front of the entrance of Adler Kaserne.

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4. On 26 April, [] supply officers Yuppe (fnu) and Medvedyev (fnu) from the Adler and Loewen Kaserne recently went on leave.

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5. On 26 April, the Loewen Kaserne, for the first time since several weeks, was again occupied to capacity. []

6. As, on 21 April, almost all windows of the barracks installation west of Olympisches Dorf (2065) were lighted after nightfall, source concluded that the installation was occupied almost to capacity, whereas the number of lighted windows on 28 April indicated that the installation was occupied about 50 percent. 1

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7. On 26 April, all was quiet in the quartering area of Unit Boshko in Olympisches Dorf. A sentry wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia was seen at the main guard. The gun and ammunition sheds, as well as the gates, were locked and unguarded.

8. Contrary to observations during the preceding days, the quarters in Olympisches Dorf and the gun and motor vehicle sheds on the pond were occupied to capacity on 27 April. About 50 ZIS-3x76.2-mm field guns were seen in the two gun sheds west of the pond. Five guns of the same type, escorted by trucks [] [] went to the training area northeast of Olympisches Dorf for firing and loading practices. [] 25X1

[] the unit would be absent from Doeberitz during the summer months.

9. On 28 April, [] all sheds on the pond in Olympisches Dorf were again occupied to capacity by the ZIS-3 x 76.2-mm field guns previously observed there. []

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10. Between 17 and 28 April, training at the Doeberitz training grounds was normal, with individual T-34 tanks engaging in driving practice, and troops up to company strength receiving field training and training in firing with carbines and submachine guns. Individual 57-mm AT guns and BA-64 armored scout cars were also identified. Motor vehicles seen en route to and from the training area []

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11. On 27 April, 5 heavy tanks practiced in the Doeberitz training area. Troops observed engaged in normal training at squad and platoon level, including instruction on light and heavy machine guns and light mortars, and small-scale practice attacks. 1

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1. [] Comment. The varying strength figures of the individual installations may result not only from errors [] but also from small-scale exercises which units of the 1st Mech Div alternately conducted in the vicinity of the post during the period under review. In addition to these exercises, a major tank detail of the division, presumably from the barracks installation west of Olympisches Dorf, held an advanced combat practice firing in the Neustrelitz area between 22 and 26 April. [] Summarizing it can be determined that the bulk of the division was in its quartering area

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25X1 until late April, with normal training being conducted at the post. There are no indications for changes in the distribution of the units.

25X1 2.  Comment. Elements of the 2d Light Arty Brig (US) participated in firing practices in Ruegen Island between 22 and 25 April.  According to the present information, the brigade subsequently was at its quarters prior to 3 May. Information of paragraph 8 tends to indicate that the brigade will soon leave, presumably for its known summer camp near Speck-Granzin.

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